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Dear Harold,

Sorry to hear about the stony silence from the Maryland Law Review and specifically Dean Gifford. I can understand Hall's reluctance and inability to respond in any meaningful way, ala Posner and Random House, but you would expect the Law Review would have had the decency of some sort of acknowledgment. This deafening silence has been somewhat frustrating for me of late. That visiting history professor last Spring, with whom I had a pretty decent conversation at the end of last semester, has not said anything about "Senator Russell Dissents", which I gave him a copy of after our conversation. And the head of the Wofford College history department who also requested copies of the paper Dennis and I did as well as "Senator Russell Dissents" has not said a word, and it has been five or six weeks since I sent him those items.

I finished reading "Bogus" this past weekend and found it a highly readable and devastating at times. Perhaps the only minor flaw was in the redundancy in referring to Hall as a "subject matter ignoramus" too often, even though it is a label he richly deserves. I can see the possibility of drawing parallels between ARRB, the Warren Commission, and perhaps even more so to the House Assassins -- all beginning with a built-in verdict, skirting around crucial issues, and elevating the irrelevant and trivial to the level of crucial disclosures. Not to mention, the media eating it all up.

Last week I happened to bump into the history professor at a small college nearby whose class I spoke to a few years ago. He has maintained his interest in the assassination -- he said he has been reading more on the background of the WC members, especially McCloy. But he confessed he has not kept up with the ARRB disclosures, such as they are. I sent him a copy of the Postscript to "Bogus" and promised him a copy of the whole manuscript at some future date. I also sent him a copy of the Max Holland article in the Washington Spectator you sent me, along with some information on McCloy. He is a decent guy and always grateful for anything I send him. He says he usually takes time out of his normal lesson plan around the anniversary to talk about the JFK assassination in all his classes.

Regarding the Newman manuscript, I have had it sitting on my desk since Bill Neichter sent me the shrink-wrapped copy several months ago. I plan to get into it soon, But I also feel the need to begin writing an introduction to that book Dennis and I need to get working on seriously. I believe if I can get a couple chapters done in rough draft, I may get some money for further research from the college which will at least free me from summerschool teaching as well as allow me to travel. At some point, the appendix to "Bogus" might be useful, but there is no hurry. There is even an outside chance I may be able to make it up to Frederick sometime before Christmas and retrieve some of those things.

Please give my regards to Lillian.

Best,

P.s. I thought you might appreciate some of the blurbs for Stone's "novel".